

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the estimated 25 million small businesses in the United States represent more than 99 percent of all employers, provide 75 percent of the net new jobs, and generate a majority of American innovations; and

WHEREAS, small businesses reflect the qualities that make our state and nation great, including vision, responsibility, innovation, dedication, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs play a significant role in economic recovery and growth and are vital to the creation of new jobs; and

WHEREAS, despite their successes, small businesses throughout South Carolina and the nation continue to face many challenges like rising health care costs, frivolous lawsuits, and limited purchasing and bargaining power.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 16 – 22, 2004, as

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize small business owners for their contributions to our communities, our economy, and our state and nation.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA